

Algona High School

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Off with their heads

Clarissa Laubenthal

The spring play is almost here. The play is the traditional story of *Alice in Wonderland*.

The play starts when Alice follows the white rabbit down his hole. She enters a whole new world called Wonderland. Alice makes new friend with the Cheshire Cat, Mad Hatter, March Hare, and Dormouse. On her journey, she makes enemies with the Queen of Hearts. Then, all of a sudden, she wakes up and it seems

like it was all a dream.

The cast is as follows: Alice is Morgan Coleman. The White Rabbit is Hunter Buscherfeld. Mad Hatter is Tommy Christian. March Hare is Shelbi Schadendorf. Caterpillar is Courtney Schmidt. Cheshire Cat is Nicole Kenne. Dormouse is Chyan Metzger. The Queen of Hearts is Mikayla Torpy. The King of Hearts is Matt Stein. Tweedledum is Scott Haas. Tweedledee is Cameron Lahndorf. Duchess

is Breanna Johnson. Cook is Joanna Wilson. Narrator is Leah Hamilton.

Talking Flowers are: Tiger Lily, Krystyna Diggins; Marigold, Rhiannon Larson; Rose, Madi Jennings; Violet, Michaela Christian; Daisy, Bethany Laddusaw; Dahlia, Emily Drusch; Jasmine, Briana Meyerink; Iris, Rachel Hamilton; Poppy, Katelyn Louschen; and Daffodil, Makayla Metzgar. The Cards are: Bailee Schultze, Brianna Miller, Max Huff,

Ben Hutchison, Kaci Postma, Courtney Pityer, Gabe Combs, Shannon Koestler, Jordan Allen, Elijah Banwart, Hanna Harmon, Chris Arend, Nick Eden, Beth Smith, Ben Wilson, Jacob Hutchison, Kevin Blaha-Polson, Zach Ross, Colton Rooney, and Carissa Pityer. They are still looking for people to play a card.

Be sure to check out this play on May 14th and May 16th, both nights at 7:30.

Nettie's ice cream

Katie Green

There is a new ice cream shop in town called Nettie's, kitty corner from Arnold's Motor Supply. Nettie's is run and owned by Annette and Tim.

They have 24 unique flavors of soft serve ice cream. Some of the flavors include chocolate, cotton candy, and cheesecake. The ice cream can be served in a cone or dish. The price for cones and dishes is cheaper compared to Dairy Queen. You can enjoy your delicious ice cream treat on the seating outside or at home.

You can get your ice cream as a malt, shake, or razzle. A razzle is Nettie's version of the Dairy Queen

blizzard. In a razzle, they can mix in cookies, candies, fruit, flavored syrups, or coffees to create a chunky, thick, and creamy treat.

Aside from ice cream, Nettie's also serves hot dogs, nachos, and soda.



Giving back

Janelle Wittenberg & Mrs. Spear

On May 4th, Algona High School and Bishop Garrigan High School are joining together to give back to the community. Algona Chamber of Commerce and Algona's mayor, Lynn Kueck, suggested a day where students can give back to the community. There are so many different things that the community does for the different schools, like donating money for a variety of activities. It will be nice for the students to give back as well.

The events of giving back will start with talks from Sherriff Kollasch and mayor Lynn Kueck. Next students will be broken up

into small groups to donate their time and services. There are several designated areas that the students will focus on. Areas span from Call Park to the hospital to Smith Lake. The last event for this project is lunch provided by the Algona Chamber of Commerce at Central Park.

This day of giving back will show the community that the students can come together and give something back for all that the community does for them. More specific details will come in homeroom closer to May 4th. If the weather happens to be bad on May 4th, the rain date is May 6th.

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Model UN

Sixteen Algona High School students participated in the 2011 Iowa High School Model United Nations Conference, April 14 and 15 on the University of Northern Iowa campus. This year's conference marked the 48th annual Model U.N. Conference! High schools from throughout Iowa and several neighboring states attend the conference, which simulates the diplomacy, problem solving, and responsibilities of the United Nations in New York City.

This year's conference was an interesting and successful one for the AHS group. Several of the topics discussed during the simulation of the U.N. dealt specifically with the current world situation, including consequences for harboring terrorists, xenophobia, humanitarian aid after natural disasters, the non-proliferation treaty, biomedical ethics, and work access to the internet. This year, AHS students represented Italy. To prepare for the conference, the students first had to research their country and its problems, as well as the country's position on the issues and topics discussed at

the UN meetings. Each student then wrote a position paper describing the problem and their country's view. In their respective U.N. committees, the Algona students did an excellent job using diplomatic skills and debate to work with other delegates crafting a resolution on each issue that will be sent to the United Nations in New York City. The students learned that democracy sometimes works very slowly, and they certainly experienced the frustrations that occur in the real United Nations as countries seek to solve world problems and reach consensus.

Two AHS delegates, Morgan Coleman and Madalyn Gisch, received recognition for Outstanding Position Papers. Rounding out this year's Italian delegation were Ray Chihak, Elijah Banwart, Jonathan Wichtendahl, Alex Harms, Nick Bitz, Breanna Johnson, Scott Haas, Ally Klepper, Melinda Schultze, Sarah Bierle, Tommy Christian, Rachel Hoskins, Connor McGuire, and Blair Bradley. Faculty advisor for the group is Mary Kae Hanson.



State Auto Skills

Rachel Weiland

The Iowa Ford AAA State Auto Skills Competition will be taking place May 9th and 10th. Two individuals from Algona High School have qualified to participate in this event due to their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to these two students: Wesley Popejoy from Algona High School and Cody Armstrong from CWL. They both have put in a lot of time and effort into the competition. Be sure to keep up the encouragement and give

them a pat on the back.

The Iowa Ford AAA State Auto Skills competition is among the top ten highest scoring schools in the state of Iowa. This is a great honor for both Wesley and Cody. It will surely pay off for them in the future.

More information can be found at <http://autoskills.aaa.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/AutoSkills>. Carly Sansone says, "Congratulations Cody and Wesley! We all hope you do well!"

Meanwhile, back at FFA

Tyler Mawdsley

State FFA took place last Thursday and Friday, April 14th and 15th. It was held in Des Moines. Thirteen Algona FFA students went to State to participate in various activities. Those students who attended included Karl Nicolaus, Kevin Laubenthal, AJ Wagner, Jacob Kofoot, Justin Berte, Brett Laubenthal, Meredith Heinold, Abby Smith, Brandi Goodman, Vanessa Arndorfer, Kenzie Thomson, Morgan Muller, and Megan Gerhardt.

At State, Kevin, Meredith, and AJ were all awarded their Iowa degrees. Kevin, Morgan, Karl, and Justin competed in Agricultural Sales, while

Vanessa participated in Advanced Broadcasting. Karl and Kevin were the chapter delegates. Vanessa and Brett took the Green Hand quiz, while AJ, Kenzie, Abby, and Meredith took the Farm & Business Management test. The festivities got a bit more musical as Megan sang in the State Chorus and Kenzie performed in FFA Idol. Additionally, Abby and Brandi participated in Chapter Display. "The whole event was really fun," said Karl.



Algonia High School Can't catch me

John Etler

This girls' track team is off and continuing to run this year. They attempted to carry their season on this week with meets at Pocahontas on Tuesday and Webster City today. They would have gone into the meets undefeated, but things were subject to change.

Due to bad weather on Monday and Tuesday, the girls' meet at Pocahontas was canceled. This seemed to be the common theme with many meets in our area. The Webster City meet for today is still on, however.

Split

Chris Arend

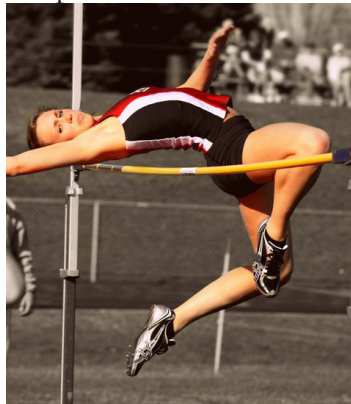
Right: Jade Simpson high jumps.

The AHS boys' golf team started their season off in very good spirits. On Monday, April 11th, the golf team hosted Estherville-Lincoln Central at the Algonia Country Club. This season's starting line up for the Varsity included Blair Bradley, Ben Schmidt, Chris Grether, Jacob Foust, Sam Lipps, and Jon Wichtendahl. The JV consisted of Gavin Meyer, PJ McMahon, Colbi Culpepper, Bryant Eakins, Austin Long, and Matt Miller. The Algonia boys won the dual 178-193. The top 4 leading scorers for the meet were Chris Grether with a 41. Next was Blair Bradley with 44. Then tied for 3rd were E-LC's Max Brashear and Algonia's Jon Wichtendahl with a 46.

The next day Algonia went to face Clarion-Goldfield at Oakridge Country Club. Both teams played at their best, but it was not to be, as Clarion

and should be run on time.

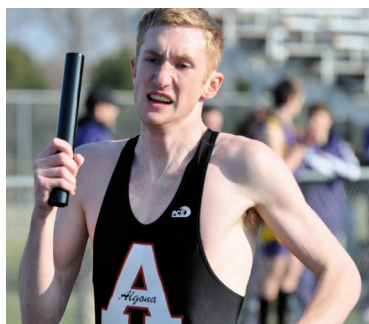
Next week the girls have meets at Humboldt on Monday and Forest City on Tuesday. The Drake Relays are next week and the team will be hoping to send some events to Des Moines to compete.



pulled ahead and won the dual by four strokes, 167-171. The top scorers were Clarion's Ryan Waters with a 38. 2nd was Chris Grether, who shot a 39. Next were Blair Bradley and Clarion's Chris Stoudt who shot 41.

Last Friday, the boys were supposed to face Bishop Garrigan, but that was cancelled due to weather difficulties. So far the Algonia boys are 1-1, a decent start to the season.

Next up for the boys is a home tournament on Monday, April 25th, at 9:30 at the Algonia Country Club.



Above: Joey Schattschneider competes at the Humboldt meet.

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Girls chipping away at the competition

John Krause

The girls have a very well rounded golf team this season. They are led by sophomore Heather Ziesman. Her first meet of the year she scored a 49 at Estherville. She was the first place medalist. She led the team to a victory but she couldn't do it by herself. AnnaLise Manske also was a medalist in this meet by shooting a 51. Other scorers for the girls' golf team were Abby Foertsch with a 54 and Catherine Edgerton with a 58. The girls won by 17, by shooting a 229 team score.

The girls took their great performance over to their first Conference meet against the Clarion-

Goldfield Cowgirls. Heather Ziesman took home the gold in this meet too. She shot a 46 in her first home meet of the season. The other scores for the Bulldogs were AnnaLise Manske with a 49, Meredith Politte came up big for the girls by shooting a 54. To round of the scoring for the girls, Catherine Edgerton shot a 57. The girls won this meet pretty easily. They had a team score of 206 while Clarion shot a 230.

Next up for the girls is a meet at home on Tuesday, April 26th, against Iowa Falls and St. Edmonds. The meet starts at 4:30 at River Road.

Doublin' up

Cane Arrowood

The Algonia boys track team traveled to Clear Lake on April 12. The Dogs went to the meet and dominated. Algonia scored 166 points to bring home the win. Getting off to a hot start helped Algonia get the win. Luke Arrowood high jumped 6' to get second place and set a personal best. Also in the field events, Richie Baxter tossed the shot put 48' to get second place. Also Derrek Person had a jump of 18'1" to land him in second place. After the field events, Algonia took off.

The 4x8 and shuttle hurdle took home first place medals. Then Michael Er-

pelding got second in the 100 with a time of 11.48 seconds. Johnny Aboud and Joey Schattschneider finished one and two the 400-meter dash, snagging another 18 points for the Dogs. Michael McMahon won the 800 in a time of 2:07.

Overall the Dogs came, saw, and conquered it all. John Etler said, "It was a really good meet and fun to run in." Now with many meets this week cancelled or postponed, the Dogs still have hope of qualifying teams into Drake. The next meet is scheduled for April 21 in Pocahontas.

Senior of the week!

Mackenzie Siefken

Maren Renland was born on September 30th, 1993. Maren is the daughter of Paal and Beathe Renland. Maren is from Bergen, Norway. She has three other siblings in her family. Her oldest brother is Aleksander, and has two other sisters, Emma and Regine.

Maren came to America on August 10th, 2010. She is currently living with the Grether family.

During her time here, Maren has been involved in volleyball, speech, and golf. Maren has enjoyed homecoming, Halloween, Superstars, and prom.

Maren will be returning to Norway sometime around June 14th.

16th this summer. When she gets back, Maren plans on attending her final year of high school and then getting a job and attending a college. She is still undecided about what she wants to do with her life after college.

Before Maren dies, she wants to backpack and train ride all around Europe.

Right:
Foreign
exchange
student,
Maren
Renland,
smiles for
a picture at
her first
American
prom!



Youth lead youth

Kari Simpson

The National Council on Youth Leadership North Central Iowa Chapter named seven Algona High students as Youth Leaders. Juniors Rachel Hamilton, P.J. McMahon, Gavin Meyer, Briana Meyerink, Emily Prilipp, Shelby Wagner, and Jeni Zeller were the nominees based on their GPA, community service, high character, and leadership roles.

The seven juniors traveled to ICCC on March 28th for the Leadership Seminar. Students from 16 area schools were there for the 18th annual seminar. There were workshops focusing on leadership development, interviewing techniques, and talks with former NCYL honorees.

The NCYL recognizes and encourages high school juniors who are good citizens and leaders. The seven AHS students completed an application and will then have to do an interview for a chance to be one of the six Youth Leaders of Tomorrow from the North Central Iowa District. The chosen six will receive an expense-paid trip to the Nation Council on Youth Leadership Conference in St. Louis next October. Jeni Zeller said, "It was a lot of fun meeting so many people, and I learned many things about being a leader."

Music in the windy city

Brittany Vaske

The Algona High band will be traveling to Chicago for their annual trip. They will leave Algona on April 28th and arrive back in town on May Day. A total of 42 students will be participating in the Chicago trip.

Some of the events the students will partake

in include going to Navy Pier, an art museum, a planetarium, and the Field Museum. On the way to the windy city, the band is making a quick stop at Coe College in Cedar Rapids for some quick tips and lessons. Jeff Schipull quotes, "Go Bulls!" as they are in the NBA play-offs.

Med Term

Carly Sansone

Medical Terminology is a college course that students can take at Algona High School. It's worth one college credit. Materials for the class is just a Medical Terminology book. Students can also go online to www.prenhall.com/rice to study for their tests. Sample questions and diagrams are on there to help.

Medical Terminology is an independent study that students have a semester

to finish and pass 15 tests. Their scores have to be higher than 69%. Students have another chance to take a test if they fail their first test. Students have to go out to the college and take test form B, and whichever score is the highest is their grade.

The last day to test is on May 6th at the high school and May 12th at the college. "You shouldn't get behind on med term because it's very hard to catch up. I know from experience," says John Etler.



Above: The members of the NCYL include (front row) P. J. McMahon, Briana Meyerink, Rachel Hamilton; (back row) Emily Prilipp, Gavin Meyer, Shelby Wagner, and Jeni Zeller.